

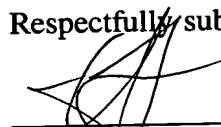
REMARKS

The claims, as amended by way of Article 34 Amendment submitted 16 December 2004 to the European Patent Office in its capacity as International Preliminary Examination Authority for this application, resulted in an International Preliminary Report on Patentability declaring all 84 claims to meet the requirements of novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability. Even so, the Applicant has now further amended the claims to reduce the multiple dependencies of most of those claims and bring the claims into compliance with 37 CFR 1.75. No substantive changes have been made.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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